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From: National Aeronautics and Space Administration
To: Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.
Attention: Mr. J. A. Cunningham, Jr.
Subject: Request for NASA comments on the Russian "Beauty"
Airplane

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1. This is in reply to the recent telephone request of Mr. J. A. Cunningham, Jr. [REDACTED] for NASA comments on the Russian "Beauty" airplane demonstrated in the July 9, 1961 Tushino Air Show.

2. Enclosed are two copies of a briefing to the August 29, 1961 meeting of the Aeronautics Panel of the NASA-DOD Aeronautics and Astronautics Coordinating Board regarding new Russian military aircraft. The briefing was prepared by the NASA Langley Research Center, based on photographs taken at the Air Show and was presented by Mr. John M. Swihart of the Center. The last part of the presentation deals specifically with the "Beauty" (Blinder) aircraft.

John Stack
Director of
Aeronautics Research

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2 cys of Briefing
presented by Mr. John M. Swihart

*Copy 1 - SATA, DB
Intel
Copy 2 - Kelly
Johnson*

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November 9, 1961

Dear Kelly:

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Thought you might be interested in the attached evaluation of some of the Russian military aircraft which appeared at the Tushino Air Show. [REDACTED] told me that John Stack had done something on this subject, and I was able to pry a copy from Stack which is attached herewith.

You will also note that we have some more or less original photographs from Aviation Week. At the time you did your own analysis, you were working from the magazine itself. We would be interested in knowing if original photographs and/or Stack's views in any way may have altered your own. No hurry about this; just thought you might be interested in continuing to follow various estimates of what we might be up against.

Sincerely,

Enclosure